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and Folding

Inventor: Markus Pompejus, et al.

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## Dear Sir:

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- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
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